

December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018  
"A Crown of Beauty in the Hand of the LORD"  
Isaiah 62

**BIBLE IN A YEAR READING PLAN**

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**Lesson Introduction:** Last week we considered how the Lord makes mighty oaks of righteousness out of those who were once weak and in bondage. Our passage this week picks up where chapter 61 left off. The theme we see in chapter 62 is the Lord's zeal for the glory of His bride (Israel/the Church). As we examine this incredible passage, we will consider **the Lord's passion for the purity of His people, the delight of the Lord in His people, and a call for passionate watchmen.**

**Key Memory Verses:** Isaiah 62:3-4

**FOUNDATIONAL TRUTHS OF THE PASSAGE:**

- **The Lord delights in His people (V. 1-5)**
- **The Lord calls on watchmen to point His people to Himself (V. 2, 11).**
- **The Lord makes His people new (V. 1-5)**

**Isaiah 62**

1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,  
until her righteousness goes forth as brightness,  
and her salvation as a burning torch.

2 The nations shall see your righteousness,  
and all the kings your glory,  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

4 You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,

and your land shall be married.

5 For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your sons marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

6 On your walls, O Jerusalem,  
I have set watchmen;  
all the day and all the night  
they shall never be silent.  
You who put the Lord in remembrance,  
take no rest,

7 and give him no rest  
until he establishes Jerusalem  
and makes it a praise in the earth.

8 The Lord has sworn by his right hand  
and by his mighty arm:  
"I will not again give your grain  
to be food for your enemies,  
and foreigners shall not drink your wine  
for which you have labored;

9 but those who garner it shall eat it  
and praise the Lord,  
and those who gather it shall drink it  
in the courts of my sanctuary."

10 Go through, go through the gates;  
prepare the way for the people;  
build up, build up the highway;  
clear it of stones;  
lift up a signal over the peoples.

11 Behold, the Lord has proclaimed  
to the end of the earth:  
Say to the daughter of Zion,  
"Behold, your salvation comes;  
behold, his reward is with him,  
and his recompense before him."

12 And they shall be called The Holy People,  
The Redeemed of the Lord;  
and you shall be called Sought Out,  
A City Not Forsaken.

### **Discussion Section 1: The Lord's Passion for the Purity of His People (V. 1-2)**

-What do these verses tell us about the Lord's will for His people?

-How do we see the Lord's zeal for His people's holiness in these verses?

-What do these verses show us about how righteousness comes about in the lives of the Lord's people?

**Note:** *This passage opens with a strong statement from the Lord concerning the righteousness of His people, spoken through His prophet. We see that He, "will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as burning torch." It is plain here that the Lord's purpose and will for His people is for them to walk in holiness, and to be a light to the nations, proclaiming His infinite worth. So much so, that He says He will persist in this mission until it is accomplished!*

*From this passage, we see that it is the Lord that ascribes value to His people. He gives them a new name (which we will discuss in section 2), He makes them a crown of beauty in His hand, He makes His bride beautiful. He has determined that He will finish the work of righteousness that He has begun in those who are His (**Philippians 1:6**). This should give us great hope and comfort. The God of the universe has made it His purpose and delight to bring about righteousness in His people. We have much to rejoice in!*

### **Discussion Section 2: The Delight of the Lord in His People (V. 1-5, 12)**

-What do these verses tell us about the Lord's mindset concerning those who are His?

-What is the significance of the Lord giving His people a new name?

-Why does the Lord delight in Israel?

**Note:** *Not only does the Lord have great zeal in bringing His children to righteousness, but He also delights in His people. We see in **V. 3-4** how valuable Israel truly is to the Lord. He calls them a, "crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God." He then goes on to change their name from,*

*"Forsaken, and Desolate, to My Delight is in Her, and Married." We see later, in **verse 12**, that they will also be called, "Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken." The Lord in His mercy, rather than despising the nation that rejected Him, and continues to reject Him, promised that He would view them as a prized possession and a delight, and sought them out, rather than forsaking them.*

*Just as Israel here is referred to as the bride of the Lord, so too are we the bride of Christ (**Ephesians 5:26-27, Revelation 19:7-9, 2 Corinthians 11:2**). We have been made beautiful by the bridegroom, Christ, and thus, we are delighted in by the Father. There is nothing we have done in and of ourselves to be a delight to the Lord, but He has made us delightful to himself. As you consider the words of this passage, rest in knowing that God Almighty looks at all of those who are His as a loving husband, and caring Father (**Romans 8:13-17**).*

### **Discussion Section 3: A Call for Passionate Watchmen (V. 6-12)**

-Who are the watchmen spoken of in these verses?

-What is the purpose of the watchmen?

-How can they be confident in the message they are to proclaim? (**V. 11**)

**Note:** *The watchmen spoken of in **V. 6** are most likely a reference to the prophets of Israel. They are instructed in this passage to day in and day out, proclaim the truth that "salvation comes." We see that they are to, "never be silent," both night and day.*

*As we close out this passage, may we consider the call on our lives to be such watchmen! Each of us have been given the power of the Holy Spirit and have been commissioned by Christ Himself to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth (**Acts 1:8**). What a joy it is for all believers to herald the good news that "salvation comes!" There are certainly those who the Lord has gifted in in the church to be teachers, shepherds, and overseers of the flock, and heralds of the good news. However, it is the call of every Christian to proclaim the good news relentlessly. When we truly grasp that the Lord has made us righteous, given us a new name, and delights in us, we will not be able to help but make Him known!*